

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 6/25/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Derrick "Digger" Earles  
Office: City Judge, City Court, City of Bunkie  
Parish: AVOYELLES  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: District

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G  
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020  
Date Filed: 12/2/2020  
Activity Receipts: \$1,500.00  
Expenditures: \$2,00.00  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$2,926.00

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$420  
Days Late: 7  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/3/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/23/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 5/21/2021  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by certified mail by report preparer Shannon Horton. She states that this is her first year helping Judge Earles prepare his campaign finance reports. She said that because there was only one election date she assumed the campaign only needed to file one of the reports. She said initially she did not file the 10-P because she understood the 11/3/20 election to be the general election not the primary. She filed the report after receiving the delinquency notice. She was still under the impression that only one report needed to be filed since there was only one election date. She said it wasn't until she received the second notification that the 10-G report was late that she realized that both reports needed to be filed.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: yes  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

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Re:  
Derrick "Digger"  
Earles

May 17, 2021

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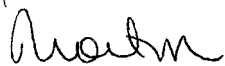
RE: Late fee assessments for the November 3, 2020 Election 10-P and 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports filed 9 and 7 days late

Dear Gentlemen and Madams,

I am writing to request a waiver of the assessed \$540 late fee for the November 3, 2020 election 10-P and the \$420 late fee for the November 3, 2020 election 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Reports. This is the first year I help Judge Earles prepare his campaign finance reports. Because there was only one election date, I assumed the campaign only needed to file one of the reports. Initially I did not file the 10-P report because I understood the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election to be the general election, not the primary. After we were notified by the Ethics Office the 10-P report was late, I completed the filing. I was still under the impression that only one report needed to be filed since there was only one election date. It wasn't until after the second notification from the Ethics Office that the 10-G report was late that I realized both reports needed to be filed. The Schedule of Reporting and Filing Dates for Candidates provided by the Ethics Board describes both of these reports as needing to be filed 10 days prior to the respective elections.

I apologize for my misunderstanding and for the late report filings. I am well aware now of the requirements and do not anticipate any further confusion. Please consider allowing us grace and waive the late fee assessments.

Sincerely,



Shannon Horton

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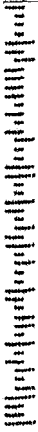
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